



2013 “The Augur” Riesling
Kick On Ranch Vineyard, Los Alamos, Santa Barbara County
240 cases & 12 magnums produced

- ABV: 11.2%
- pH: 3.1
- TA: 0.954 g/100mL
- Vines planted in 2001
- Vineyard soils: Ancient beach & diatomaceous earth, chert, limestone
- Pick date: 9/13/13
- Brix at harvest: 19.5°
- Hand-picked at sunrise
- Whole-cluster direct-to-press
- Fermentation vessels: 5 neutral French oak barrels & 1 stainless steel tank
- Native fermentation, partial malolactic; completely dry
- 30 ppm SO₂ in two additions after primary (the only additions of any kind)
- Unfined, unfiltered, not cold-stabilized
- Bottled April 25, 2014
- The Name: Each of our wines from Kick On Ranch bears a Latin name. An augur was a Roman official who foretold future peace and prosperity through the flight patterns of birds. When we first visited this vineyard in 2010 in search of Riesling, the ripening grapes hung on the vines without the protection of bird netting. We asked the vineyard manager why, and he said the fruit still had so much acidity “the birds don’t want it.” (We then knew, right away, that we did.)
- Winemakers: Emily Towe & Jody Brix Towe
- Suggested Retail Price: \$25